

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 7, 9-18 and 20-22 are pending. Claims 2, 4, 7 and 9-18 are amended. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 19 are canceled. Claims 20-22 are new.

Claim Amendments/New Claims

Claims 2, 4, 7 and 9-18 have been amended to improve readability and to eliminate reference numbers. Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 15-18 have been amended to depend from one of new claims 20 and 21, in view of the cancellation of the claims from which they previously depended.

New claim 20 includes the subject matter of previous claims 1, 3, 5 and 6. New claim 21 includes the subject matter of previous claims 1 and 8. New claim 22 is similar to claim 18, except that claim 22 depends from claim 21.

No new matter has been added to the claims.

Objections to the Specification

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification for lacking proper headings. The specification has been amended to include appropriate headings. In view of the amendment inserting a heading between the last paragraph on page 1 of the specification and the immediately preceding paragraph, the last paragraph on page 1 has been amended to clarify the previous reference to subject matter in the preceding paragraph. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Hunt (GB 2,377,631).

Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled.

Claims 2, 4 and 18 depend from new independent claim 20. Claim 20 includes all of the elements of canceled claim 6. The Examiner indicated that claim 6 included allowable subject matter. Therefore claims 2, 4, 18 and 20 are allowable over Hunt.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Taylor et al. (US 2,645,357).

Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 2, 4 and 18 depend from new independent claim 20. As stated above, claim 20 includes all of the elements of canceled claim 6, which the Examiner indicated included allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 2, 4, 18 and 20 are allowable over Taylor et al.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Silverman (US 2,151,621).

As stated above, claims 1, 3 and 5 have been canceled and claims 2, 4 and 18 now depend from claim 20, which includes subject matter that the Examiner indicated is allowable. Therefore, claims 2, 4, 18 and 20 are allowable over Silverman.

Allowable Subject Matter/Claim Objections

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-17 and 19, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to these claims for depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 6, 8 and 19 have been canceled.

Claims 7 and 18 depend from claim 20, which includes the subject matter of claim 6.

New independent claim 21 includes the subject matter of claim 8, and is therefore allowable. Claims 9-17 and 22 depend from claim 21, and are therefore also allowable.

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